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In re Patent Application of:  
Edwin J. Hlavka

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING CATHETER-BASED  
ANNULOPLASTY USING LOCAL  
PLICATIONS

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Examiner: Prone, Christopher D.

**AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 22, 2011, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.